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## Suicide Leap

By S.F. Man

A young San Francisco businessman despondent over his financial condition is believed to have leaped to his death this morning from the Golden Gate bridge.

He was identified as Richard M. Fyan, 29, of 3508 Sacramento St.

Fyan's car, with his wallet on the front seat, was found at mid-span on the bridge. There were no suicide notes.

But his roommate, R. D. Harold, told officers that Fyan had discussed the possibility of killing himself and had attempted suicide once before.

Fyan was a management trainee with a savings and loan association.

# Commuters See Gate Span Leap

Perry Charlton, 39, an Oakland merchant marine officer, drove to mid-span of the Golden Gate Bridge in his mother's car, donned a bath robe, then plunged to his death as home-bound commuters looked on.

He was the 288th known suicide from the bridge.

The Coast Guard discovered the body of Charlton, who lived with his mother at 438 15th St., Oakland, a short time later. His was believed to have been the second suicide off the bridge yesterday.

California Highway Patrolmen found an auto registered to Robert Quan, 30, a mail clerk of 181 Seventh St., Oakland, at mid-span. Quan had left a note at home telling of plans to jump from the bridge. His body has not been found.

# Oaklander Suicide Off Gate Bridge

Robert Quan, 30, a clerk of 181 Seventh St., Oakland, apparently jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge early today.

His automobile was found parked at mid-span next to the west railing of the bridge. His brother, Harold, said Quan left home about 2 a.m. after writing a note telling of his intentions to commit suicide from the span. He did not give any reason.

Coast Guardsmen searched for his body for an hour, then returned to shore when no trace of him was found.

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S.F. Woman, 30,

## Bridge Suicide

A San Francisco woman, on leave as a patient from Napa State Hospital, jumped to her death from the Golden Gate Bridge yesterday.

The body of Karen Silverstein, 30, of 310 Page St., was recovered from the water a short time later. She was the bridge's 286th known suicide victim.

The Highway Patrol said she jumped over the east railing of the bridge between the south tower and the toll plaza.

*Quinn*

# Girl Leaps From Gate Bridge

*NOV 10 1965*

Karen Silverstein, 30, on leave from Napa State Hospital, jumped to her death from the Golden Gate Bridge today.

Her body was recovered from the water by a passing commercial fishing boat, the Maria Ann, skippered by Capt. Thomas Manzella. Her body was taken to the Fort Point Coast Guard Station just east of the bridge.

The woman was identified by the coroner's office from papers found in the purse she dropped on the pedestrian walkway on the bridge just before she climbed over the bridge railing and jumped.

Coroner's deputies said they found no notes and nothing to indicate her local address.

# Golden Gate

## Search for

## Leaper Fails

OCT 16 1965

A two-hour search of the waters under the Golden Gate failed to turn up any sign of a woman who reportedly leaped from the span yesterday afternoon.

A motorist told bridge toll-takers at 5:43 a.m. that a woman had jumped from the Bay side of the bridge just north of mid-span.

Two Coast Guard patrol boats were sent to the scene, but the search was futile. Highway Patrol officers found no car, note or any other evidence of a sui-  
cide.

## 285 Leaps From Gate Bridge

THE SEP 10 1965

*The 285th suicide from the Golden Gate Bridge was recorded yesterday. The first death leap took place Aug. 8, 1937, three months after the span was opened.*

Fog enshrouded the Golden Gate Bridge on August 8, 1937, swirling so densely in the early evening hours that from the center of the span, it was impossible to see the Marin tower.

"It's a great day for what I'm going to do," Harold Wobber told a friend, as they strolled across the newly completed bridge, north from San Francisco.

"What's that?" inquired his companion.

"You'll see," said Wobber.

Moments later, he had climbed to the railing alongside the pedestrian walkway, and was removing his coat and vest.

Wobber's friend, taken by surprise, ran back to the rail, snatched at Wobber, implored him not to jump.

Calm, determined, Wobber said, "Go along about your business and leave me alone."

Freeing himself from the man's hold, he sprang from the bridge railing, his body tumbling over and over in a lazy ballet of death, falling 220 feet.

Thus died Harold B. Wobber, 47, shell-shocked veteran of World War I, a former Oakland resident under treatment at Palo Alto Veterans Hospital, become the first suicide from the Golden Gate Bridge.

Wobber, divorced by his wife, plagued by his war injuries, unable to work, left a sealed suicide letter to his daughter, explaining his plan to jump.

Wobber had been a popular figure along the Oakland waterfront, with his Tin Cup snack shop. He inaugurated a noon-hour Free Speech and Debating Society, chiefly for dock wall-lopers to discuss and debate issues large and small.

But on Aug. 7, 1937, the world became too much for Harold Wobber.



# Found Where Man Vanished

THE SEP 10 1965

a transistor radio with the name F. P. Johnston printed on it is the only clue authorities have to the man who leaped from the Golden Gate Bridge in the midnight fog yesterday.

The radio was found at the spot the man was last seen by highway patrol officers who tried desperately to prevent the 285th known suicide off the world-famous span.

The officers had seen a man in a white cap and dark jacket at the railing, but before they could turn their patrol car and return to the spot, he was gone.

Attempts are being made to trace the ownership of the radio through its serial number, the printed name and an inscription that seemed to indicate he was to arrive at Treasure Island in late August.

Meanwhile, friends identified the body of Herbert T. Miles, 48, an Antioch school teacher for the past 13 years who leaped to his death from the Bay Bridge yesterday.

Miles' death came as a shock to colleagues, who said he seemed in good spirits during a teacher orientation session Wednesday at Antioch Junior High School.

He was keenly interested in the sports progress of his two sons, Herbert Jr., a sophomore at Diablo Valley College, and Clyde, a senior at Antioch High, friends recalled.

Miles also leaves his widow, Emily. The family home is at 1538 Jacobsen St., Antioch. Funeral services are pending at Higgins Chapel.

He taught mathematics at Antioch Junior High.



# Body of Span

THE SEP 9 - 1965

## Leaper Found, *suicide* Hunt Second

A Coast Guard cutter recovered the body of a 42-year-old man, attired in work clothes, from San Francisco Bay off Alameda this afternoon. The man is believed to be one who apparently jumped to his death from the Bay Bridge, where a car was found abandoned.

The Coast Guard continued a search for the body of a young man who reportedly leaped off the Golden Gate Bridge a few hours before the Bay Bridge leap.

The Bay Bridge victim's body was staken to Fort Point Rescue Station and turned over to the San Francisco coroner's office. Crewmen found the body between the Estuary and Alameda Naval Air Station.

The first search began in the cold waters under the Golden Gate after a pedestrian disappeared from mid-span. A California Highway Patrolman first spotted him, but by the time the officer could turn his car around to return and question him, the man had disappeared.

The second Coast Guard boat was dispatched about four hours later when an abandoned auto was found on the Bay Bridge, 500 feet east of the Yerba Buena Tunnel, at 4:30 a.m.

Highway patrolmen said the auto was registered to Herbert T. Miles, 48, of 1538 Jacobson St., Antioch. Antioch police have not been able to locate Miles at his home.

# Woman Leaps

IRG AUG 20 1965  
From Gate Span

SUICIDE

The body of Juanita Daneri, 42, of 860 Sutter St., San Francisco, was recovered from San Francisco Bay today after she leaped from the Golden Gate Bridge.

The California Highway Patrol said Miss Daneri got out of a cab at the toll plaza of the bridge and entered a nearby restaurant after telling the driver of the cab she might jump.

Alarmed, the driver returned to the toll plaza a few minutes later and told the CHP what the woman had said.

Her body was sighted in the water beneath the bridge and was recovered by Coast Guardsmen.

# Bridge Suicide Of El Cerrito Man Feared

EL CERRITO — Authorities fear Clyde F. Casey, 42, of 5730 El Dorado St., may have jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge.

Highway Patrol officers yesterday found a jacket and wallet containing Casey's identification at the north end of the span.

The CHP learned that Casey, an unemployed carpenter, was despondent. He hadn't seen his four children in months and is being sued for divorce by his wife.

A neighbor said Casey's car wouldn't start yesterday morning. "And on top of everything else I'm out of coffee," Casey told the man.

But he refused an offer of coffee, saying, "No thanks, I won't be needing it."

# Father of 2 In Death Leap Off Gate Span

A 41-year-old Mill Valley man leaped to his death Saturday afternoon from the Golden Gate Bridge.

The Coast Guard recovered the body of Clyde M. Korman minutes after he parked his late model sedan near the south tower, ran to the west side of the bridge and vaulted over the railing.

A note found on the seat of the car addressed to "Dearest Ones" indicated Korman had been in ill health. At one point it said, "I know I can't work anymore."

Korman, a Standard Oil Co. employe, is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and two daughters, 14 and 17.

He was the 283rd known sui-  
cide from the 28-year-old bridge.

# Girl's Body Found Under Gate Bridge

Jill Thompson was always reaching for the stars, her friends said.

A former San Francisco television employe, she lived on a Sausalito houseboat. Her body was found last night floating in the moat beneath the south tower of the Golden Gate Bridge.

She was listed as the bridge's 281st apparent suicide.

According to the Highway Patrol, Miss Thompson, 29, who came to the Bay Area from New York, was picked up on the bridge last September as a person attempting to commit suicide.

She was placed under psychiatric observation at Marin County Hospital and later was treated at Langley Porter Clinic in San Francisco.

Her friends said she quit her television job to become a full-time free-lance writer. But she had not met with any success, they said.

The last thing she committed to paper was her own epitaph, typewritten on a piece of paper found in her purse.

It was from John Milton's "Paradise Lost."

"Better to reign in hell than serve in Heaven."

TR E MAR 27 1965

## Note Indicates Bridge Suicide

An empty car containing an apparent suicide note was found in a Golden Gate Bridge parking area today and California Highway patrolmen are searching for the owner.

CHP officer Vincent Weimer, making a routine check of the parking lot at the bridge's south end, found the note, unsigned, on the seat of a car registered to John Wilton, of 648 Ashbury St., San Francisco.

The note read, "Mary, I'm sorry, there is no other way."

Mrs. Mary Wilton said her husband left their apartment three days ago to seek work, and she hadn't seen him since.

# Note in Car:

## 'I've Jumped

## Off Bridge'

TR E MAR 3 1965  
A 41-year-old Southern California man apparently leaped to his death from the Golden Gate Bridge early today.

The California Highway Patrol reported an automobile was found abandoned in the middle of the bridge minutes after two motorists reported seeing a man climb over the bridge railing.

In the car, officers found an unsigned suicide note and a wallet which contained the driver's license of Yoshio Faco Furukawa of Santa Maria (Santa Barbara County).

The note said: "I have jumped off the bridge . . . call Mrs. Sally Furukawa . . ."

The U.S. Coast Guard searched the water around the bridge but found no trace of a body.

Furukawa is the 88th possible suicide from the bridge. There have been 282 known suicides.



*Suicide*  
**3 Witnesses See  
Leap From Bridge**

Three witnesses saw a man abandon his car and jump from the ~~Golden Gate Bridge~~ last night.

A driver's license in the car belonged to Harry Greenblat, 486 Urbano Drive, San Francisco. No notes were found, and the body has not been recovered.

# GG Bridge

## Suicide

### Number 281

TR E FEB 25 1965

An Oakland Army Terminal employe beset with financial and family problems leaped to his death yesterday from the Golden Gate Bridge.

The victim was identified as Stanley R. Klopstock, 54, of Kentfield, a management analyst at the Army base.

Authorities learned that Klopstock had been sparated from his wife for two years. A few days ago, she was hospitalized after taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

The utilities in his modest home at 11 Stetson Ave. had been shut off.

Yesterday, Klopstock saw his son, Bruce, off to Navy boot camp and then drove to the bridge. He became the span's 281st known suicide.

Another pedestrian on the bridge, Robert Mulganon of San Francisco, saw Klopstock walk to the railing and yelled: "Hey, wait a minute!" but it was too late.

He left a note in his coat asking, "Forgive me, my loved ones."

A Coast Guard patrol boat recovered his body a short time after the death leap.

# Span Suicide Identified

TR B FEB 24 1965  
By Mother

The woman who had lain for 24 hours in the San Francisco morgue identified only as the 280th known suicide off the Golden Gate Bridge was Mrs. Blossom Marie Crim, 38.

Her sorrowing mother made the identification yesterday.

Mrs. Lillian Robinson of 698 Fell St., San Francisco, tried futilely to puzzle out why her daughter had hurled herself over the bridge railing 220 feet to her death.

Since her divorce in 1955 Mrs. Crim had lived with her mother.

Although her parents were divorced, Mrs. Crim saw her father often, Mrs. Robinson said, but he died recently and Mrs. Crim had seemed depressed since his funeral.

"I guess it must have been when her father died that did it," Mrs. Robinson mused. "She loved him so much and when she went to his funeral it just seemed to take everything out of her."

Despite the efforts of two workmen on the bridge to reach her, Mrs. Crim plummeted into the waters of a concrete moat directly beneath the south tower just before noon Monday.

She was alive when the Coast Guard lowered a stretcher to bring her up, but was pronounced dead at Letterman General Hospital a short time later.

In her coat pocket were \$1 in change, a key and a bus transfer.

Mrs. Robinson had heard radio reports of the suicide and at 2:30 a.m. yesterday called the morgue.

"The lady there was so nice. She asked me if I was alone and when I said yes, she told me a white lie. I asked her if the dead lady had false teeth and she said no. I took a taxi down there and it was her."

## Search on for Leaper's Body

*suicide*

The Coast Guard is searching for the body of a man who parked his car in the middle of the Golden Gate Bridge and jumped over the rail early this morning.

JAN 13 1965

Mill Valley policeman Herbert F. Aceret said he saw the man jump at 12:20 a.m.

Papers in the car indicated the jumper was Murray Robert Baird, 43, a father of five, who lived at 577 Stanford Ave., Redwood City.

A note in the car said he was despondent over family problems.

TR G FEB 24 1965

## Marin Man Dies in Gate Span Leap

A man tentatively identified as Stanley R. Klopstock, 54, of Kentfield, Marin County, leaped to his death from the Golden Gate bridge shortly after 1 p.m. today.

His body was recovered almost immediately by a Coast Guard boat which returned it to the Coast Guard station.

# Death Wins

## By 3 Feet:

## Leaper Dies

FILE FEB 23 1965

She was listed as Jane Doe No. 1—the 280th known suicide from the Golden Gate Bridge.

Today she was positively identified by her mother as Mrs. Blossom M. Crim, 38, a divorcee, of 698 Fell St., San Francisco.

According to her mother, Mrs. Lillon Robinson, with whom she lived, Mrs. Crim left home yesterday morning with \$1.50 in her pocket.

And she died, and lay for 24 hours in the San Francisco Morgue, an unidentified suicide. Her mother learned of her fate from reading today's newspapers.

Mrs. Robinson could give no reason for her daughter's suicide.

Two bridge workers who made a frantic dash to rescue her missed her by only three feet.

And her 220-foot plunge from the span yesterday ended in the moat directly beneath the bridge's south tower, an area not easily accessible to the Coast Guard boat which rushed to save her...

Coast Guardsmen said they could hear her moaning as they scrambled over the 18-foot concrete wall of the moat and lowered a stretcher to her.

But she was pronounced dead at Letterman General Hospital less than an hour after she jumped.

Joe Trovato, 44, of 682 24th Ave., and Joe Magreo, 50, of 249 Broad St., both San Francisco, had been repairing an aircraft warning light atop the south tower.

Shortly before noon they started to lunch. As they left the tower elevator, they saw the

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woman poised on the rail 20 feet away.

"Lady, you can't do that," yelled Trovato.

They dashed for her, but she tumbled over the edge, hung suspended momentarily by a button caught on the rail, then fell, landing on her stomach in the moat.

The Coast Guard boat arrived six minutes later. It took rescuers 23 minutes to take her to a waiting ambulance on shore.

Trovato and Magreo found her coat button caught in the railing.

Authorities were unable to find any notes or identifying papers.

In the pocket of her coat they found a key, \$1 in change and a bus transfer — the legacy of Jane Doe Number One.



Jan. 20, 1965

# BULLETIN

TR G FEB 22 1965

An unidentified woman leaped from the Golden Gate Bridge shortly before noon today and was picked up still alive by Coast Guardsmen. However, Letterman General Hospital officials said she was dead minutes later at the hospital emergency room. Coast Guard officials said the Highway Patrol notified them of the leap at 11:41 a.m. She was transferred from the 40-foot patrol boat to an ambulance at Fort Point at 12:09 p.m.

# 371 Have Died in Span Leaps

TR 50 MAR 28 1965

People jump off San Francisco Bay bridges at an alarming rate — 292 known suicides from the Golden Gate and 79 from the Bay Bridge in the past 29 years.

This information was contained in a study financed by a federal grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health.

Dr. Richard H. Seiden, assistant in the Behavioral Science Research Unit of the University of California School of Public Health, headed the project.

The grim study went into "suspicious" cases, as well as those who have been known to have attempted suicide and those who have achieved their sad goal by plunging to their deaths.

At least 230 men and women have been restrained from leaping from the Golden Gate and another ~~nine~~ have been saved from a death plunge from the Bay Bridge.

Dr. Seiden said his major goal is the establishment of a suicide prevention center, similar to one in Los Angeles County, where an around-the-clock telephone service is manned by trained people who will aid people going through immediate emotional crises.

He believes many auto fatalities could be the result of a suicidal urge.

Myths about suicidal behavior also can be exploded through education, he believes, such as the widely held theory that suicides "don't talk about it."

The research project has been under way since last December Dr. Seiden said.

# 280 Leaped,

## Only Two

## Survived

Thomas Tawzer, the Livermore youth who jumped from the Golden Gate bridge yesterday and lived, is the second one to survive the 236-foot fall.

On Sept. 3, 1941, Cornelia van Ierland, 22, was pulled from the Bay with fractured arms, a broken back and multiple internal injuries. She recovered only after months in the hospital during which she had repeated nightmares about falling through the air.

Miss Van Ierland, a skater, hit the water at a speed of about 80 miles per hour on impact, a bridge engineer estimated at the time. Her survival was attributed to the fact she hit the surface feet and buttocks first.

Mrs. Isabelle Kainoa of Oakland, a 36-year-old mother, leaped from the Bay Bridge three weeks ago and lived. Her survival also was attributed to her landing buttocks first.

She suffered a broken hip, internal injuries, shock and exposure. She is still at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in San Francisco, where she is making a good recovery.

There have been 278 known deaths in suicide leaps from the Golden Gate in the bridge's 28-year history.

# Youth Leaps Off Gate Bridge, Lives

*Murder* **RE JAN 12 1965**

Toll Capt. Edward R. Moore saw the youth climb onto the railing of the ~~Golden Gate Bridge~~ and jump — the 279th death, he thought.

But two California Highway Patrol officers who looked over the railing seconds later, saw the young man treading water in the waves below — the second survivor of the 236-foot fall in the history of the bridge.

Still Thomas Paul Tawzer, 16, of Livermore, faced death, for he had fallen in the path of a cargo steamer heading for the Pacific Ocean. But a few quick swim strokes by the youth and flares set off by a California Highway Patrolman saved his life a second time.

## CREW SURPRISED

"We were very surprised to find him alive," said Coxswain Jerry Ludemann, 22, who commanded the Coast Guard patrol boat sent out to recover the boy's body.

"When we first saw him he was treading water and looked all right," said Ludemann. "The water was pretty choppy. When he saw us, he began to swim toward the boat. I leaned over and asked him if he had broken any bones — we didn't want to hurt him. He answered he was all right, but we picked him up gently anyway with our stocks litter."

## FIRST LIVE LEAPER

The litter is designed to lift someone out of the water without aggravating injuries.

Ludemann, an engineman second class, said he has picked up "quite a few bodies" from the Bay. But this was the first t.

he had seen someone swimming after a jump.

"He was conscious all during our cruise to the Ft. Point Life-guard Station," said Ludemann. "His eyes were wide open — I guess he got pretty scared."

When the boy was carried into an Army ambulance at Ft. Point, he fell into a coma and didn't regain consciousness until 40 minutes later, when he found five doctors around his bed in Letterman General Hospital at the Army Presidio.

Early this morning, the boy was reported in satisfactory condition. He suffered a broken left collarbone and internal injuries, the extent of which was being

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10 feet. The highway patrolmen said Tawzer was seen swimming away from the point of possible impact with the ship.

The boy had no wallet on him when he was undressed in the hospital. In his pockets were a dollar bill and 17 cents in



# Gate Bridge, Lives

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determined by X-rays and a battery of other tests.

Moore was in the toll sergeant's office on the bridge and watched the boy through field glasses. He saw him climb onto the railing at the Bay side and jump.

The California Highway Patrol said the boy went over the railing about 4:15 p.m. He was picked up by Ludemann's boat at 4:24.

While Capt. Moore called the Coast Guard, highway patrol officers Archie Stewart and Dick

Treadwell ran to the point where Tawzer had climbed over the railing.

Stewart said: "I saw a sock floating in the water and about 10 feet from it I spotted the boy. He looked like he was treading water. His right hand was up in the air as if he were waving at us, trying to get our attention."

Stewart said the boy had a tan sweater "up around his neck like a life preserver."

Meanwhile, officer Treadwell saw the cargo ship bearing down on young Tawzer. The officer first waved frantically, then ran back to his patrol car and set off flares. The ship veered to the right, missing the boy by about 10 feet. The highway patrolmen said Tawzer was seen swimming away from the point of possible impact with the ship.

The boy had no wallet on him when he was undressed in the hospital. In his pockets were a dollar bill and 17 cents in change.

The Coast Guard said the boy's quick rescue was in part due to the fact that Ludemann's patrolboat was passing near the point where Tawzer was treading water.

The boy's parents, Paul C. and Mary Tawzer, of 746 Grace Court, were notified from the hospital. They immediately travelled across the Bay and stayed with their son for several hours last night.

According to Mrs. Bernard Loch, a neighbor of the Tawzer family, young Tawzer has been living with relatives, in Oakland for the past few months. She said he is attending Skyline High School in Oakland.

Other friends and neighbors said the boy was unhappy with school in Livermore and ran away from home after some difficulty with his parents last November. They described him as a loner, who nevertheless was considered a good babysitter. Mrs. Loch said he seemed to like her two young children.

The boy has two younger brothers and a younger sister, who all live with their parents. The father is a part-time employe at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Livermore and also works as a service station attendant.